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# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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SUPERIOR COURT CIVILACTION No. 10-1575

RUSSELL M. MORRIS + JENNIFER L MORRIS Plaintimes BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP AND KORDE & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Defendantis)

#### **SUMMONS**

To the above named Defendant: BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon JOSEF CULIC plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 100 cummines cte, STE-425 G, BEVERLY, MA 01915 an answer to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, within 20 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You are also required to file your answer to the complaint in the office of the Clerk of this court at

145 High St., NEWBILIPORT, MA 01950 either before service upon plaintiff's attorney or within a reasonable time thereafter.

Unless otherwise provided by Rule 13 (d), your answer must state as a counterclaim any claim which you may have against the plaintiff which arises out of the transaction or occurrence that is the subject matter of the plaintiff's claim or you will thereafter be barred from making such claim in any other action.

WITNESS. BARBARA J. ROUSE . Esquire, at Salem, the , in the year of our Lord two thousand

DISINTERESTED PARTY

Thomas HA Wiscoll

#### NOTES:

1. This summons is issued pursuant to Rule 4 of the Massachusetts Rules of Civil Procedure.

2. When more than one defendant is involved, the names of all defendants should appear in the caption. If a separate summons is used for each defendant, each should be addressed to the particular defendant.

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# MASSACHUSETTS TRIAL COURT ESSEX COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

RUSSELL M. MORRIS and JENNIFER L. MORRIS, Plaintiffs

V.

Case No. 10cv1575-B

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P., d/b/a BANK OF AMERICA HOME LOANS, and KORDE & ASSOCIATES, P.C., Defendants

#### COMPLAINT

#### Introduction

- 1. Plaintiffs have been wrongfully denied a loan modification by their mortgage company, BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP. Because of the mortgage servicing guidelines applicable to their mortgage, the Plaintiffs are entitled to a loan modification under the federal Home Affordable Modification Program. But, BAC Home Loans has ignored the Plaintiffs' application for a loan modification over a period of months and has instead pushed the Plaintiffs further into an unnecessary foreclosure. BAC Home Loans' actions are violations of the Massachusetts Consumer Protection Act, M.G.L. c. 93A. BAC Home Loans has ignored the Plaintiffs' demand letter, and left them with no option but to bring this suit.
- 2. Korde & Associates, P.C., is the debt collector and foreclosure law firm hired by BAC Home Loans to foreclose on the Plaintiffs. It has repeatedly violated the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act by contacting them directly despite knowing them to be represented by counsel, and by misrepresenting the amount of the debt owed.

#### **Parties**

- 3. Russell M. Morris and Jennifer L. Morris ("the Morrises"), husband and wife, are natural persons residing at 570 Essex Ave., Unit 2, Gloucester, Essex County, MA 01930.
- 4. BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP ("BOA"), doing business as Bank of America Home Loans, is a Texas limited partnership with principal offices located at 6400 Legacy Dr., Plano, TX 75024. BOA regularly does business in Massachusetts. BOA is in the business of servicing and originating mortgage loans.
- 5. Korde & Associates, P.C. ("Korde") is a Massachusetts professional corporation and debt collector engaged in the practice of law with principal offices located at 321 Billerica Rd., Suite 210, Chelmsford, Middlesex County, MA 01824.

#### **General Allegations**

- 6. On January 10, 2007, the Morrises refinanced their home with a loan in the amont of \$288,000 from Bank of America, N.A., secured by a mortgage in favor of Bank of America, N.A.
- 7. Defendant BOA, formerly known as Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, L.P., is a subsidiary of the nationally chartered bank Bank of America, N.A.
- 8. Defendant Korde is a foreclosure law firm conducting foreclosures on homeowners throughout Massachusetts on behalf of BOA. It is conducting the foreclosure of the Morrises' home.
- 9. The Federal National Mortgage Association (better known as "Fannie Mae") is the owner of the Morrises' mortgage. (Exhibit A.)
- 10. Fannie Mae is a government-sponsored enterprise chartered by the United States Congress to provide liquidity, stability, and affordability to the U.S. residential housing market.
- 11. Fannie Mae does not make loans directly to homebuyers. After borrowers complete the closing process on their mortgage loans, Fannie Mae buys those mortgages from their approved lenders. The process of replenishing the supply of funds enables the lenders to make more mortgage loans to other borrowers.

- 12. Because Fannie Mae has a public purpose, and because it commands a large share of the residential mortgage market, it is able to regulate and restrict the ways that the mortgages it owns are serviced. Its servicing regulations are intended to insure that homeowners are treated fairly, and that homeowners are not foreclosed on unnecessarily.
- 13. Fannie Mae does not directly receive payments from the borrowers whose mortgages it owns. Rather, it contracts with mortgage companies, known in industry terms as "servicers," such as BOA, to act as the intermediary between itself and borrowers.
- 14. These servicers collect payments, send billing statements, and generally act in the place of Fannie Mae in almost all respects to the borrower.
- 15. In fact, most homeowners whose mortgage loans are owned by Fannie Mae are unaware that Fannie Mae is the owners of their mortgages.<sup>1</sup>
- 16. Fannie Mae maintains control over the manner in which its mortgages are serviced. In order to service Fannie Mae mortgages, servicers must agree to follow servicing instructions Fannie Mae promulgates, which come from the servicing contract itself, servicing guides, announcements, letters, and notices.<sup>2</sup>
- 17. BOA, as the servicer of the Morrises' mortgage, acts on behalf of Fannie Mae in all respects by collecting mortgage payments, sending monthly billings statements, modifying loans if required, and conducting foreclosures when necessary.
- 18. BOA, because of its servicing contract with Fannie Mae, is obligated to follow Fannie Mae's servicing instructions.
- 19. The Morrises' mortgage is subject to all Fannie Mae guidelines.
- 20. BOA is obligated to comply with these Fannie Mae guidelines with respect to the Morrises' mortgage.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The identity of the owner of a mortgage is typically disguised because the mortgage servicer is not the entity that owns the mortgage, but rather acts on behalf of the creditor. See Consumer Solutions REO, LLC v. Hillery, No. 111, 2010 WL 1222739 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 24, 2010).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>These are available online to the public at https://www.efanniemae.com/sf/guides/ssg/#ssg.

21. Here, as described in more detail below, rather than follow the Fannie Mae servicing guidelines as it is required to do and evaluate the Morrises for a loan modification under the federal Home Affordable Modification Program, BOA lost and ignored the Morrises requests for evaluation for a loan modification.

#### Count I:

# Consumer Protection Act, G.L. c. 93A Failure to Comply with Fannie Mae's HAMP Guidelines (BOA)

- 22. The preceding allegations are repeated and realleged.
- 23. BOA is engaged in trade or commerce in Massachusetts, servicing and originating mortgages for residents of Massachusetts.
- 24. The Morrises are not persons entitled to bring an action under M.G.L. c. 93A, § 11.
- 25. BOA is the servicer of the Morrises' mortgage.
- 26. BOA and is obligated to follow Fannie Mae guidelines with respect to the Morrises.
- 27. BOA engaged in unfair or deceptive acts or practices with respect to the Morrises, in violation of the Consumer Protection Act, by violating Fannie Mae and HAMP guidelines as described in more detail below.
- 28. To avert the ongoing national foreclosure crisis, and to preserve the American tradition of homeownership, the U.S. Department of the Treasury established the federal Home Affordable Modification Program ("HAMP") in March 2009.
- 29. The statutory authority for the creation of the HAMP program is the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, §§ 101 and 109, as amended by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, § 7002.
- 30. HAMP's purpose is to modify the mortgages on principal residences of eligible homeowners<sup>3</sup> by reducing their monthly mortgage payments.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Eligible homeowners must owe less than \$729,000 on their first mortgage, must occupy the house as their principal residence, and their mortgage must have been originated prior to January 1, 2009.

- 31. HAMP reduces interest rates of homeowners' mortgages, allows capitalization of past-due amounts, extends the repayment period of the mortgages, and allows deferred payments of principal.
- 32. Fannie Mae has instructed BOA, as well as its other servicers, to evaluate homeowners for loan modifications under HAMP.
- 33. Those guidelines, which are promulgated by Fannie Mae, provide a comprehensive step-by-step process under which mortgage servicers must evaluate homeowners for loan modifications that reduce homeowners' mortgage interest rates, extend the repayment period of the loans, and/or defer principal.
- 34. Those guidelines require that servicers, including BOA, reduce the mortgage payment of principal, interest, taxes, and insurance ("PITI") on a borrower's first-lien mortgage to 31% of the borrower's monthly pre-tax income.
- 35. To evaluate borrowers for a loan modification under HAMP, servicers, including BOA, are required to apply the "waterfall," a series of steps to reduce the monthly mortgage payment and modify the loan.
- 36. First, the waterfall reduces the interest rate to as low as 2% to try to reduce the PITI payment to 31% of the borrower's monthly pre-tax income.
- 37. If this interest rate reduction is not enough to reduce the PITI payment to 31%, the servicer must take the next step of the waterfall.
- 38. Next, the servicer must extend the repayment term of the mortgage to a maximum of 40 years to further reduce the monthly mortgage payment.
- 39. If this repayment term extension is not enough to reduce the PITI payment to 31%, the servicer must take the final step of the waterfall.
- 40. Finally, the servicer must allow a forbearance of up to 30% of the principal balance of the mortgage to try to reach the 31% of monthly pre-tax income target.
- 41. The above-described waterfall guidelines are specifically laid out in Fannie Mae Announcement 09-05R, which is attached in part and incorporated by reference into this Complaint. (Exhibit B.)

- 42. Servicers, including BOA, are obligated under their servicing contracts to follow Fannie Mae announcements.
- A servicer is required to begin this loan-modification evaluation upon receipt of the HAMP Request for Modification and Affidavit form ("RMA"), a three-page financial questionnaire and affidavit. Along with the RMA, the borrower is required to provide verification of the financial information, including pay stubs, bank statements, tax returns, and tax-transcript-request form. Collectively, the HAMP RMA and financial verification are the "Financial Package."
- 44. Fannie Mae Announcement 09-31 states that within 30 calendar days of receiving a borrower's Financial Package, servicers, including BOA, must complete an evaluation of the borrower for a loan modification under HAMP. Announcement 09-29 is attached in part and incorporated by reference into this complaint. (Exhibit C.)
- 45. BOA was obligated to evaluate the Morrises under HAMP using the above-described steps under the waterfall.
- 46. The Morrises, by counsel, sent a complete Financial Package to a BOA representative named Kanise Butters, in the Home Retention Customer Relations Department, via email on January 26, 2010 and February 4, 2010.
- 47. BOA failed to evaluate the Morrises under HAMP as it is required to do.
- 48. Instead, BOA ignored the Morrises' request for evaluation under HAMP.
- 49. On April 13, 2010, over one month late, BOA sent a non-HAMP modification agreement to the Morrises that did not comply with the HAMP guidelines.
- 50. On April 13, 2010, the Morrises, by counsel, sent a demand letter pursuant to G.L. c. 93A, § 9, requesting an offer of settlement and describing BOA's unfair violations of the Fannie Mae HAMP guidelines. (Exhibit D.)
- 51. Rather than respond to the Morrises' demand letter, BOA ignored it and has failed to respond to it.
- 52. BOA's failure to respond to the Morrises' demand letter was willful and knowing.

53. As a direct and proximate result of BOA's conduct described above, the Morrises suffered damages including damage to their credit, loss of time, accumulation of interest, and unnecessary initiation of foreclosure action by BOA.

#### Count II:

# 15 U.S.C. § 1692k, Fair Debt Collection Practices Act Debt Collector's Communication With Debtor Known to be Represented by Counsel (Korde)

- 54. The preceding allegations are repeated and realleged.
- 55. Korde regularly attempts to collect debts from consumers that are owed or alleged to be owed to third parties by, among other things, conducting the legal aspects of foreclosures on behalf of mortgagees.
- 56. Korde is engaged in the collection of debts from consumers using the mail and telephone.
- 57. Korde is a "debt collector" as defined by the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).
- 58. Korde violated the FDCPA as follows.
- 59. The FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692c, prohibits a debt collector from directly contacting a debtor who is known to be represented by an attorney:
  - [A] debt collector may not communicate with a consumer in connection with the collection of any debt . . . if the debt collector knows the consumer is represented by an attorney with respect to such debt . . . .
- 60. Under the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(b), if a debtor requested verification of a debt, a debt collector is prohibited from engaging in collection activity until such verification is provided:

If the consumer notifies the debt collector in writing . . . that the debt, or any portion thereof, is disputed . . . the debt collector shall cease collection of the debt, or any disputed portion thereof, until the debt collector obtains verification of the debt . . . is mailed to the consumer by the debt collector.

61. On August 27, 2009, the attorney for the Morrises informed Korde that he represented the Morrises with respect to their mortgage, and requested that Korde provide verification of the debt, stating:

My office represents Russell and Jennifer Morris regarding the above-referenced account(s). A power of attorney evidencing the representation is enclosed. I demand that you cease and desist all communications in connection with the collection of this alleged debt, and that you instead direct all such communications to my office . . . .

. . .

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, I also demand that you provide validation of the above account(s).

(Exhibit E.)

- 62. This request was sent to Korde via first-class mail and facsimile 978-256-7615.
- 63. In violation of the above sections of the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692c and 1692g(b), Korde bypassed the Morrises' attorney and continued to send collection-related correspondence directly to the Morrises, and failed to cease its collections efforts despite the Morrises' request by counsel for verification of the debt, including a deficiency notice on January 13, 2010 and a copy of the order of notice from the Land Court on February 18, 2010.
- 64. The FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692e, also prohibits debt collectors from misrepresenting the amount of a debt to a debtor, stating:

[T]he following conduct is a violation of [the FDCPA]:

. . . .

(2) The false representation of . . . the character, <u>amount</u>, or legal status of any debt;

(Emphasis added.)

- 65. On January 13, 2010, Korde sent the Morrises a deficiency notice in an attempt to collect at debt from them that misrepresented the amount of the Morrises' debt. The deficiency notice stated that the original principal balance of the mortgage was \$360,000. (Exhibit F.)
- 66. In fact, the mortgage signed by the Morrises on record in the Essex County Registry of Deeds is only for \$288,000. (Attached in part as Exhibit G.)

- 67. Korde, therefore, misrepresented the amount of the Morrises' debt by attempting to collect \$72,000 more than they had ever owed on the principal of their mortgage.
- 68. Under the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(11), a debt collector is required to disclose in all communications to a debtor that the debt collector is "attempting to collect a debt."
- 69. In Korde's February 18, 2010 letter to the Morrises (Exhibit H), it failed to notify them that the communication was an attempt to collect a debt, thereby violating the FDCPA.
- 70. As a result of Korde's acts described above, the Morrises suffered damages for which Korde is responsible, including but not limited to actual damages, mental anguish, legal fees, and court costs.

#### Prayer for Relief

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray that the Court order the following relief:

- A. A declaratory judgment that BOA violated G.L. c. 93A by failing to evaluate the Morrises for a loan modification under the Home Affordable Modification Program;
- B. An award of actual damages, costs, and attorney's fees for BOA's violation of G.L. c. 93A;
- C. An order that BOA immediately evaluate the Morrises for HAMP;
- D. A declaratory judgment that Korde violated the FDCPA with respect to the Morrises;
- E. An award of actual damages, statutory damages, costs, and attorney's fees for Korde's violations of the FDCPA.

#### Jury Demand

Plaintiffs request a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

Respectfully submitted,

Plaintiffs, Russell M. Morris and Jennifer L. Morris,

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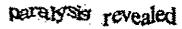
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Announcement 09-05R

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April 21, 2009 (\*Reposted May 15, 2009)

Amends these Guides: Servicing

Reissuance of the Introduction of the Home Affordable Modification Program, HomeSaver Forbearance<sup>TM</sup>, and New Workout Hierarchy

#### Introduction

This Announcement (09-05R) is a reissuance of Announcement 09-05, which was originally issued on March 4, 2009. This Announcement provides additional policy clarification and instruction and supersedes Announcement 09-05 in its entirety. Policy clarifications and new instructions that are incorporated into this Announcement are identified by bold type. (Other minor editorial changes are included in this document but not identified in bold.) \*Reposted with "HAMP" in lieu of "HMP".

#### Background

On February 18, 2009, President Obama announced the Homeowner Affordability and Stability Plan to help up to 7 to 9 million families restructure or refinance their mortgage loans to avoid foreclosure. As part of this plan, the Treasury Department (Treasury) announced a national modification program aimed at helping 3 to 4 million at-risk homeowners — both those who are in default and those who are at imminent risk of default — by reducing monthly payments to sustainable levels. Treasury issued uniform guidance for loan modifications across the mortgage industry in Supplemental Directive 09-01 on April 6, 2009. This Announcement provides guidance to Famile Mae servicers for adoption and implementation of the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP) for Fannie Mae loans.

Under the HAMP, servicers will use a uniform loan modification process to provide eligible borrowers with sustainable monthly payments. The HAMP implementation guidelines set forth in this Announcement apply to all eligible one- to four-unit owner-occupied properties securing Fannie Mae portfolio mortgage loans and MBS pool mortgage loans guaranteed by Fannie Mae. The HAMP will replace the Streamlined Modification Program introduced in Announcement 08-33 and the Early Workout<sup>TM</sup> program announced in Announcement 08-31. The HAMP will expire on December 31, 2012.

All Fannie Mae-approved servicers must participate in the program for all eligible Fannie Mae portfolio mortgage loans and MBS pool mortgage loans guaranteed by Fannie Mae.

- Acceptable documentation includes letters, exhibits, a disability policy or benefits statement
  from the provider that states the amount, frequency and duration of the benefit. The servicer
  must determine that the income will continue for at least three years, and
- The servicer must obtain copies of signed federal income tax returns, IRS W-2 forms, or copies of the two most recent bank statements.

#### If the borrower receives public assistance or collects unemployment:

Acceptable documentation includes letters, exhibits or a benefits statement from the
provider that states the amount, frequency, and duration of the benefit. The servicer
must determine that the income will continue for at least nine months.

If the borrower has rental income, acceptable documentation includes:

 Copies of all pages from the borrower's most recent two years of signed federal income tax returns and Scheduled E - Supplemental Income and Loss. The monthly net rental income to be calculated for HAMP purposes must equal 75 percent of the gross rent, with the remaining 25 percent being considered vacancy loss and maintenance expense.

#### **Verifying Occupancy**

A servicer must confirm that the property securing the mortgage loan is the borrower's primary residence as evidenced by the most recent signed federal income tax return (or transcript of tax return obtained from the IRS), a credit report, and one other form of documentation that would supply reasonable evidence that the property is the borrower's primary residence (such as utility bills in the borrower's name).

A servicer is not required to modify a mortgage loan if there is reasonable evidence indicating the borrower submitted false or misleading information or otherwise engaged in fraud in connection with the modification.

#### Standard Modification Waterfall

Servicers must apply the proposed modification steps enumerated below in the stated order of succession until the borrower's monthly mortgage payment ratio is reduced as close as possible to 31 percent, without going below 31 percent (the "target monthly mortgage payment ratio").

Servicers must request prior written approval from Fannie Mae to deviate from the modification steps enumerated below or to reduce the borrower's monthly mortgage payment ratio below 31 percent. Prior written approval may be requested by submitting a non-delegated case into the HomeSaver Solutions® Network (HSSN). If approval is granted, borrower and servicer incentive payments for these modifications will be paid based on modification terms that reflect the target monthly mortgage payment ratio of 31 percent.

In the event that a modification step (e.g., principal forbearance) is prohibited under applicable state law, a servicer may skip the modification step without obtaining Fannie Mae's prior written approval.

Note: If a borrower has an ARM loan or interest-only mortgage loan, the existing interest rate will convert to a fixed interest rate, fully amortizing mortgage loan.

Step 1: Capitalize accrued interest, out-of-pocket escrow advances to third parties and any required escrow advances that will be paid to third parties by the servicer during the trial period and servicing advances paid to third parties in the ordinary course of business and not retained by the servicer, if allowed by state law. Late fees may not be capitalized and must be waived if the borrower satisfies all conditions of the Trial Period Plan. If applicable state law prohibits capitalization of past due interest or any other amount, the servicer must collect such funds from the borrower over a 60-month repayment period unless the borrower decides to pay the amount upfront.

Step 2: Reduce the interest rate. If the loan is a fixed rate mortgage loan or an ARM loan, then the starting interest rate is the current interest rate (the note rate).

Reduce the starting interest rate in increments of .125 percent to get as close as possible to the target monthly mortgage payment ratio. The interest rate floor in all cases is 2.0 percent.

- If the resulting rate is below the Interest Rate Cap, this reduced rate will be in effect for the first five years followed by annual increases of one percent per year (or such lesser amount as may be needed) until the interest rate reaches the Interest Rate Cap, at which time it will be fixed for the remaining loan term.
- If the resulting rate exceeds the Interest Rate Cap, then that rate is the permanent rate.

The "Interest Rate Cap" is the Freddie Mac Weekly Primary Mortgage Market Survey (PMMS) Rate for 30-year fixed rate conforming mortgage loans, rounded to the nearest 0.125 percent, as of the date that the Agreement is prepared.

Step 3: If necessary, extend the term and reamortize the mortgage loan by up to 480 months from the modification effective date (i.e., the first day of the month following the end of the trial period) to achieve the target monthly mortgage payment ratio. Negative amortization after the effective date of the modification is prohibited.

Step 4: If necessary, the servicer must provide for principal forbearance to achieve the target monthly mortgage payment ratio. The principal forbearance amount is non-interest bearing and non-amortizing. The amount of principal forbearance will result in a balloon payment fully due and payable upon the earliest of the borrower's transfer of the property, payoff of the interest bearing unpaid principal balance (UPB) or maturity of the mortgage loan. The modified interest-bearing balance (i.e., the unpaid principal balance excluding the deferred principal balloon amount) must create a current mark-to-market LTV (current LTV based upon the new valuation) greater than or equal to 100 percent if the result of the NPV test is negative. A principal write-down or principal forgiveness is prohibited on Fannie Mae mortgage loans.



Announcement 09-31

November 2, 2009

Amends these Guides: Servicing

## Updates and Clarifications to the Home Affordable Modification Program

#### Introduction

Announcement 09-05R, Reissuance of the Introduction of the Home Affordable Modification Program, HomeSaver Forbearance<sup>TM</sup>, and New Workout Hierarchy, provided guidance to Fannie Mae-approved servicers on the adoption and implementation of Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP). Fannie Mae has an ongoing commitment to the success of this modification initiative, and is adopting changes to streamline the program documentation requirements and standardize the evaluation process.

This Announcement contains updates and clarifications to the following topics:

- Updates to Standard HAMP Documents
- Changes to Eligibility Determination Based on Net Present Value Evaluation
- Principal Forbearance Thresholds
- Verifying Borrower Income and Occupancy Status
- Modification Process
- Reporting
- Clarification of Reimbursement of Administrative Costs

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#### **Effective Date**

Unless otherwise indicated, all policy changes included in this Announcement are effective immediately.

## Updates to Standard HAMP Documents

Fannie Mae servicers are encouraged to use the following new standard HAMP documents as soon as they become available but must use the documents no later than March 1, 2010. The documents will be posted on <u>eFannieMae.com</u> in the coming days.

Within 30 calendar days following the servicer's receipt of a completed RMA, IRS Form 4506-T or 4506T-EZ, and all required income and other financial information (including all required documentation and either the borrower's tax transcript or tax return when using the verified approach), the servicer must complete its evaluation of borrower eligibility and notify the borrower of its determination. If the servicer determines that the borrower is approved for a trial period plan, the servicer must either:

- send a TPP Notice for Verified Income (Form 196) to the borrower, or
- if the borrower is currently in a trial period plan pursuant to a stated income TPP Notice, send a written notice that the borrower has been approved for a HAMP modification pending timely receipt of all trial period payments.

If the servicer determines that a borrower cannot be approved for a trial period plan, the servicer must communicate that determination to the borrower in writing and consider the borrower for another foreclosure prevention alternative.

Servicers must retain a copy of the TPP Notice in the mortgage loan file and note the date that it was sent to the borrower. Receipt of the first trial period payment under the TPP Notice by the Trial Period Offer Deadline will be deemed as evidence of the borrower's acceptance of the trial period plan and its terms and conditions.

HAMP program guidelines require that, unless a borrower or co-borrower are deceased or borrower and co-borrower are divorced, all parties who sign the original mortgage loan documents (or their duly authorized representative) must sign the HAMP documents. In cases where a borrower and co-borrower are unmarried and either borrower or co-borrower relinquish all rights to the property securing the mortgage loan through a recorded quitclaim deed, the non-occupying borrower that has relinquished property rights is not required to provide income documentation or to sign the HAMP documents but remains liable for the outstanding mortgage debt.

In Announcement 09-05R, Fannie Mae indicated that unless a borrower or co-borrower is deceased or divorced, all parties who signed the original note AND security instrument (or their duly authorized representative(s)) must execute the HAMP documents. This Announcement is clarifying that all parties who sign either the original note **OR** the security instrument (or their duly authorized representative(s)) must execute the HAMP documents.

### Retaining First Lien Position

Announcement 09-05R outlines servicing requirements intended to ensure that a mortgage loan modified under HAMP retains first lien position. Fannie Mae is clarifying and supplementing requirements with respect to the steps that must be taken to ensure that the modified mortgage loan retains its first lien position and is fully enforceable.

First, Fannie Mae is eliminating the requirement for servicers to obtain subordination agreements. Second, when the final interest rate on the modified mortgage loan is greater than the pre-modified interest rate in effect on the mortgage loan, Fannie Mae now requires that the

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April 13, 2010

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL NO. 7009 1410 0000 8442 5850

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP 6400 LEGACY DRIVE Plano, TX 75024



Re: Demand Pursuant to the Massachusetts Consumer Protection Act Response Required Within 30 Days

Dear Sir or Madam:

I represent Russell and Jennifer Morris of 570 Essex Ave. #2, Gloucester, MA 01930, My client's mortgage has account number 872194718 and is serviced by your organization. This is a demand for an offer of settlement pursuant to the Massachusetts Consumer Protection Act, Mass. Gen. Laws c. 93A ("the Consumer Protection Act"). You are required to respond to this demand within 30 days with an offer of settlement or else you may be subject to double or triple damages.

Your organization failed to evaluate my client in a timely manner pursuant to the guidelines of the Making Home Affordable Modification Program. This is a violation of the Consumer Protection Act. An overview of the law of the Consumer Protection Act is provided below, followed by a description of the specific regulation that your organization has violated, then concluding with the facts supporting my client's claim and a demand for an offer of settlement.

The Consumer Protection Act declares as unlawful under Massachusetts law all unfair or deceptive acts or practices. Both state and federal courts have recognized that an analysis of Consumer Protection Act claims is not dependent on common law principles of tort or contract law. The Consumer Protection Act created "broad new rights, forbidding conduct not previously unlawful under the common law of contract and tort or under any prior statute." Dodd v. Commercial Union Ins. Co., 373 Mass. 72, 78 (1977); accord Kattar v. Demoulas, 433 Mass. 1, 12 (2000).

A determination of what is unfair or deceptive is neither dependent on traditional tort or contract law concepts, *Linkage Corp. v. Trustees of Boston Univ.*, 425 Mass. 1, 27 (1997); nor limited by preexisting rights or remedies, *Travis v. McDonald*, 397 Mass. 230

(1986). Otherwise lawful acts can even be violations of the Consumer Protection Act. Schubach v. Household Fin. Corp., 375 Mass. 133 (1978).

Acts or practices that fail to comply with existing statutes, rules, regulations, or law meant for the protection of the public's health, safety, and welfare are prohibited by 940 C.M.R. 3.16, a violation of which is a per se violation of the Consumer Protection Act. And mortgage servicers are specifically prohibited from engaging in "unfair or unconscionable" means in servicing any loan under 209 C.M.R. 18.21, a violation of which is also a per se violation of the Consumer Protection Act.

Here, your organization has agreed to participate in the Making Home Affordable Modification Program ("HAMP"). The HAMP program was created pursuant to the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, Pub. L. No. 110-343 (2008) and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. No. 111-5 (2009). The purpose of HAMP is to protect consumer homeowners from foreclosure by providing loan modifications to eligible homeowners. Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 at § 109 ("[t]he Secretary shall implement a plan that seeks to maximize assistance for homeowners ... to minimize foreclosures").

The HAMP guidelines, as a matter of law, are the industry standard for the residential mortgage servicing industry. Helping Families Save Their Homes Act of 2009, Pub. L. No. 111-22 (2009), § 129 ("the qualified loss mitigation plan guidelines issued by the Secretary of the Treasury under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 shall constitute standard industry practice for purposes of all Federal and State Laws").

As part of HAMP, your organization has agreed to follow what are called "supplemental directives" issued by Treasury, which regulate the substance and procedure for that program. Supplemental Directive 09-07 ("SD 09-07") outlines the streamlined modification program, intended to speed up HAMP loan modifications in the face of massive mortgage-servicer noncompliance and slow response times.

Under SD 09-07, your organization has a specific timeline that it must follow when responding to borrowers' loan-modification inquiries. SD 09-07 requires that when a borrower completes and submits a request for a modification to a mortgage servicer, the servicer is required to do the following: within 10 business days of receipt of the request, acknowledge receiving it, in writing; and, within 30 calendar days of receipt, send a written notice of approval and a Trial Period Plan (TPP) so that the borrower can begin the trial loan modification payments.

Here, your organization by failing to acknowledge my client's loan modification package, and, further, by failing to provide a TPP, your organization has violated SD 09-07. My client, by counsel sent an entire package of documents for consideration for a

loan modification on February 4, 2010. This package included all the documentation required for evaluation for HAMP modification, including income verification.

Despite sending a complete package of documents to your organization, it failed to comply with its obligations under SD 09-07. A written acknowledgement was required within 10 business days; however, no written acknowledgement has been received. And a TPP was required within 30 calendar days; however, no TPP has been received, either.

Therefore, because your organization did not comply with SD 09-07, it is in violation of the Consumer Protection Act. Specific guidelines intended to protect consumerhomeowners are provided for in the HAMP program guidelines, as well as the Helping Families Save Their Homes Act of 2009, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. A violation of any or all of those guidelines constitutes an unfair or deceptive trade practice.

My client has been damaged in that he has been deprived of the entitlement to be evaluated timely for HAMP. I demand that you immediately evaluate my client for a loan modification, or else a civil lawsuit will be filed against your organization for injunctive and monetary relief.

Please contact me directly with any questions, or if you wish to discuss this case.

Very truly yours,

Josef Culik

Attorney at Law

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August 27, 2009

#### VIA FIRST-CLASS MAIL AND FACSIMILE 978-256-7615

Korde & Associates, P.C. 321 Billerica Road, Suite 210 Chelmsford, MA 01824

Re: Cease and desist letter; Validation of debt Loan # 6700031948 570 Essex Ave., Gloucester, MA 01930



Dear Sir or Madam:

My office represents Russell and Jennifer Morris regarding the above-referenced account(s). A power of attorney evidencing the representation is enclosed.

I demand that you cease and desist all communications in connection with the collection of this alleged debt, and that you instead direct all such communications to my office at:

Culik Law P.C., P.O. Box 805, Rockport, MA 01966 Phone: (978) 841-9570 / Fax: (978) 233-0561

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, I also demand that you provide validation of the above account(s). And pursuant to the Title 209 of the Code of Massachusetts Regulations, Section 18.18, and/or Title 940 of the Code of Massachusetts Regulations, Section 7.08, I specifically demand that you provide to me the following within five business days:

- (a) All papers or copies of papers, in your possession which bear my client's signature and which concern the debt being collected; and
- (b) Any ledger, account card, or similar record in your possession which reflects the date and amount of payments, credits, and charges concerning my client's purported debt.

Be advised that failure to produce the requested documentation is an unfair or deceptive business practice in violation of the Massachusetts Consumer Protection Act, G.L. c. 93A.

Very truly yours,

Josef Culik, Esq.

Enclosure

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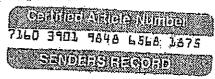
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#### DEFICIENCY NOTICE

January 13, 2010

Jennifer L. Morris Unit 2, 570 Essex Avenue Condominium 570 Essex Avenue Gloucester, MA 01930



Please reference our File #: 09-053111/ Morris

Property: Unit 2, 570 Essex Avenue Condominium, 570 Essex Avenue, Gloucester, MA 01930 RE:

Mortgage Held By: Bank of America, N.A. Mortgage Civen To: Bank of America, N.A.

Date of Mortgage: January 10, 2007

Original Principal Amount of Mortgage: \$360,000.00

Mortgage recorded at Essex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 26479, Page

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#### Dear Sir/Madain:

You are hereby notified in accordance with the statutes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of our intention on February 3, 2010 at 2:00PM to foreclose by sale under power of sale for breach of conditions, and by entry, the above captioned mortgage given to secure a note for the above stated original principal amount for the whole or part of which you may be liable to the above named holder of the mortgage in the event of a deficiency in the proceeds of the foreclosure sale.

THIS LETTER IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

If you (1) did not execute the Promissory Note relating to this mortgage; (2) are in bankruptcy; or (3) have been discharged in bankruptcy, this letter is for informational purposes only and is not intended as an attempt to collect a debt or an act to collect, assess or recover all or any portion of the debt from you personally.

Singbrely,

Lawson Williams

LW/mm



#### LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Russell M. Morris and Jennifer L. Morris to Bank of America, N.A., dated January 10, 2007 and recorded with the Essex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 26479, Page 375 of which mortgage Bank of America, N.A., is the present holder, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at Unit 2, 570 Essex Avenue Condominium, 570 Essex Avenue, Gloucester, MA will be sold at a Public Auction at 2:00 PM on February 3, 2010, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The unit known as Unit Number 2 in the 570 Essex Avenue Condominium located at 570 Essex Avenue, Gloucester, Essex County, Massachusetts, a condominium established by Master Deed dated September 22, 2006 recorded with the Essex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 26109, Page 397. Said Unit is shown on the Floor Plans of the Building recorded as part of the Master Deed and on the copy of a portion of the Floor Plans attached to the first Unit Deed. Said Unit is conveyed with the benefit of and subject to: (a) An undivided 50% interest in the common areas and facilities (the "Common Elements") of the Condominium described in the Master Deed, attributable to the Unit, (b) All rights, easements and agreements, interests and provisions in said Master Deed and the Declaration of Trust of the 570 Essex Avenue Condominium, including the By-Laws contained therein recorded with said Deeds in Book 26109, Page 419, as any of the same may be amended from time to time pursuant to the provisions thereof; (c) The provisions of the M.G.L. Chapter 183A; and (d) Easements, restrictions and agreements of record insofar as any of the same are in force and applicable. A certain parcel of land situate on the southerly side of Essex Avenue in that part of said Gloucester, called West Gloucester, with all the buildings thereon, as shown as Lot 2 on plan of land called "Subdivision Plan of Landlocated in Gloucester, Mass. Prepared by American Land Survey Associates, Inc., Kirk W. Benson, PLS" dated March 15, 2004 recorded with Essex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 22668, Page 59 as more particularly described: Beginning at a point on Essex Avenue, thence \$53°14'25"E sixty-five and 00/100 (65.00) feet by Essex Avenue; thence \$33°08'00"W one hundred forty-two and 67/100 (142:67) feet by land now or formerly of Aiello; thence N55°52'42"W one hundred eighty-nine and 74/100 (189.74) feet by land now or formerly of Churchill; thence N26°24'00'E seventytwo and 46/100 (72.46) feet by Forest Lane; thence \$53°14'24" one hundred thirty-three and 61/100 feet by Lot 1 of said plan; thence N33°06'00"E eighty and 00/100 (80.00) feet by said Lot 1 to the point of beginning. Containing 18,212 square feet more or less.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Essex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 24034, Page 21.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easiements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale; Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify us a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in eash or by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 321 Billerica Road, Suite 210, Chelmsford, MA 01824-4100, or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Bank of America, N.A. Korde & Associates, P.C. 321 Billerica Road, Suite 210 Chelmsford, MA 01824-4100 (978) 256-1500

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Return To: LOAN # 6700031948

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#### **MORTGAGE**

LOAN # 6700031948

#### **DEFINITIONS**

Words used in multiple sections of this document are defined below and other words are defined in Sections 3, 11, 13, 18, 20 and 21. Certain rules regarding the usage of words used in this document are also provided in Section 16.

(A) "Security Instrument" means this document, which is dated JANUARY 10, 2007 together with all Riders to this document.

(B) "Borrower" is RUSSELL M MORRIS AND JENNIFER L MORRIS

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Borrower is the mortgagor under this Security Instrument. (C) "Lender" is BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.

Lender is a NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION organized and existing under the laws of THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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(P) "Successor in Interest of Borrower" means any party that has taken title to the Property, whether or not that party has assumed Borrower's obligations under the Note and/or this Security Instrument.

#### TRANSFER OF RIGHTS IN THE PROPERTY

This Security Instrument secures to Lender: (i) the repayment of the Loan, and all renewals, extensions and modifications of the Note; and (ii) the performance of Borrower's covenants and agreements under this Security Instrument and the Note. For this purpose, Borrower does hereby mortgage, grant and convey to Lender and Lender's successors and assigns, with power of sale, the following described property located in the COUNTY (Type of Recording Jurisdiction) of ESSEX (Name of Recording Jurisdiction):

"LEGAL DESCRIPTION ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF."

Parcel ID Number: Map 236 LOT 107 570 ESSEX AVENUE #2 GLOUCESTER ("Property Address"): which currently has the address of [Street] (City], Massachusetts 01930 (Zip Code)

TOGETHER WITH all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property, and all easements, appurtenances, and fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property. All replacements and additions shall also be covered by this Security Instrument. All of the foregoing is referred to in this Security Instrument as the "Property."

BORROWER COVENANTS that Borrower is lawfully seised of the estate hereby conveyed and has the right to mortgage, grant and convey the Property and that the Property is unencumbered, except for encumbrances of record. Borrower warrants and will defend generally the title to the Property against all claims and demands, subject to any encumbrances of record.

THIS SECURITY INSTRUMENT combines uniform covenants for national use and non-uniform covenants with limited variations by jurisdiction to constitute a uniform security instrument covering real property.

UNIFORM COVENANTS. Borrower and Lender covenant and agree as follows:

1. Payment of Principal, Interest, Escrow Items, Prepayment Charges, and Late Charges. Borrower shall pay when due the principal of, and interest on, the debt evidenced by the Note and any prepayment charges and late charges due under the Note. Borrower shall also pay funds for Escrow Items pursuant to Section 3. Payments due under the Note and this Security

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designee may purchase the Property at any sale. The proceeds of the sale shall be applied in the following order: (a) to all expenses of the sale, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees; (b) to all sums secured by this Security Instrument; and (c) any excess to the person or persons legally entitled to it.

23. Release. Upon payment of all sums secured by this Security Instrument, Lender shall discharge this Security Instrument. Borrower shall pay any recordation costs. Lender may charge Borrower a fee for releasing this Security Instrument, but only if the fee is paid to a third party for services rendered and the charging of the fee is permitted under Applicable Law.

24. Waivers. Borrower waives all rights of homestead exemption in the Property and relinquishes all rights of curtesy and dower in the Property.

BY SIGNING BELOW, Borrower accepts and agrees to the terms and covenants contained

Witnesses:

Robert Coakley Witness to both

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

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On this 10th day of January, 2007 public, personally appeared

, before me, the undersigned notary

Russell M. Morris and Jennifer L. Morris

, proved to me

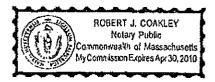
through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was/were Driver's Licenses to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are signed on the preceding document, and acknowledged to me that he/she/they signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose.

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December 18, 2009

Russell M. Morris Unit 2, 570 Essex Avenue Condominium 570 Essex Avenue Gloucester, MA 01930

RB: PETITION TO FORECLOSE MORTGAGE

File No.: 09-053111

Land Court Case No. 409843

Bank of America, N.A. vs. Russell M. Morris et al.

Property: Unit 2, 570 Essex Avenue Condominium, 570 Essex Avenue, Gloucester, MA 01930

Dear Sir/Madam;

This office has been retained to foreclose the mortgage on the above-referenced property.

Enclosed please find a copy of the Order of Notice issued by the Land Court in this foreclosure action. We will proceed with the foreclosure action until such time as the loan is brought current.

Please contact this office if you should have any questions regarding this matter.

Verytruly yours,

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To:

Russell M. Morris Jennifer L. Morris Case No.

Bank of America, N.A.

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.

Bank of America, N.A.

claiming to be the holder of covering real

Mortgage

property in

Gloucester, numbered Unit 2, 570 Essex Avenue Condominium, 670 Essex Avenue

given by Russell M. Morris and Jennifer L. Morris to Bank of America, N.A., dated January 10, 2007. recorded at Essex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 26479, Page 375,

has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage

in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before JAN 18 2010

or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, KARYN F. SCHEIER Chief Justice of said Court on DEC 0 3 2009

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

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A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Worah J.